(b) whether wsome telephone officers/employees are also involved in these cases;

(c) if so, the action taken so far in this regard; and

(d) the financial loss suffered by Government and the steps being taken by Government to check the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Post Office facilities in Tribal Areas of A.P.

1213. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that villages in the Tribal dominated districts in Andhra Pradesh do not have Post Office facilities within a distance of five kilometers and more;

(b) if so, the details of such villages, district-wise; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to provide postal facilities to the Tribals of these villages within a time frame?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The postal facility is available at all the villages in the country including those in the tribal dominated districts of Andhra Pradesh as far as the daily delivery, collection of mails and sale of postal stamps & stationery is concerned.

(b) The details of villages where post offices do not exist within the distance of five kilometers or more in the tribal dominated districts in Andhra Pradesh district-wise are given in the statement *{see* below)

(c) Relaxed norms in terms of population & income are applicable to the tribal areas. A Post Office can be opened in the tribal area with 500 population . in an individual village or 1000 population in a group of villages. Anticipated income has to be 15% only of the cost against 33.33% in the normal areas. New Post Offices are opened on norm based justification and subject to the availability of resources including sanction of the requisite posts of Gram Dak Sewaks by the Government.

Statement

District-wise details of villages in the Tribal dominated districts of Andhra Pradesh where post offices do not exist within the distance of five kilometers or more

Serial No.	Name of Village	Name of Tribal dominated District
1.	Karwada	Adilabad
2.	Thungapur	-do-
3.	Kampur	-do-
4.	Shivanur	-do-
5.	Pamulawada	-do-
6.	Kotari	-do-
7.	Chityal	Warangal
8.	Motlaugudem	-do-
9.	Narsimhasagar	-do-
10.	Padigapur	-do-
11.	Pothapur	-do-
12.	Rampur	-do-
13.	Somagudem	-do-
14.	Singaram	-do-
15.	Thimmandigotu	-do-
16.	Veerpur	-do-
17.	Dubbaguda	-do-
18.	Eswaragudem	-do-
19.	Gundem	-do-
20.	Chilakaluru	West Godavari
21.	Geddapalli	-do-
22.	Pallapuram	-do-
23.	Paidakulamamidi	-do-
24.	Kambalapalli	Khammam
25.	Tirlapuram	-do-
26.	Kisssapuram	-do-
27.	Pangidi	-do-
28.	Nandipadu	-do-
29.	A.G. **Koduru**	-do-
TOTAL=	29	